

## HOW KNOX WOULD SOLVE PROBLEM

Has Plan to Meet Discrimination on Part of Other Nations.

Washington, December 18.—Secretary Knox has written to Senator Curtis, of Kansas, a letter giving information compiled by the government which, in the opinion of Mr. Knox, would justify legislation to provide a graduated means of meeting various discriminations by foreign countries against American commerce. The Senator has framed a bill calculated to meet the situation, as it arises.

"The problem," said Secretary Knox, "is to provide for the removal, so far as practicable, of such features in foreign practice as may be found adverse to our export trade development and of serious import to those American enterprises directly affected."

"In the opinion of the department, this problem may be solved through the medium of an amendment to section 2, of the act of August 5, 1909, whereby may be afforded a sufficient degree of elasticity in the imposition of tariff rates suited to the offenses intended for correction."

Secretary Knox cited some of the more important instances to which the attention of the State Department has been called, "but which properly may not be considered as falling under the classification of undue discrimination."

"There have been developed in recent years," he wrote, "numerous instances of tariff and administrative discrimination against products of the United States. Many of these, and indeed, the most important as they tend to be compensated in tariff rates granted by other countries in the negotiations following the enactment of the tariff law of August 5, 1909."

"Some instances of discrimination could not be removed by negotiation, and because of their minor character when considered in the relation of a commerce thus involved the entire commerce of the United States with the particular offending countries, they were permitted to remain. Since the conclusion of these negotiations other instances have developed in the way of discriminatory practices both with respect to capital investments of American citizens in foreign countries and in regard to measures in the administration of foreign tariffs adverse to the commercial interests of the United States."

Secretary Knox's list of countries making discriminations, which, however, he said he did not consider as properly speaking "tariffs," include Belgium, Germany, Italy, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria, Portugal and Spain.

Secretary Knox stated that the amendment doubtless should originate in the House, and he therefore commended to the Ways and Means Committee a tentative draft of the proposed amendment, which would provide a minimum of 5 per cent. ad valorem and maximum of 25 per cent. applicable by proclamation when the President is satisfied that another nation's laws or practices are inimical to equal opportunity for American enterprise.

Senator Curtis's bill was framed as an amendment to the pure food and drug law, with the intent of giving to the President discretionary power to meet discriminations.

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## FOREIGN SHIPPING TRUST UNDER BAN

Washington, December 18.—Startling charges against the so-called "foreign shipping trust" were made before the House Committee on Rules to-day by Congressman Humphrey, of Washington, who appeared in support of his resolution providing for a shipping trust investigation.

Mr. Humphrey's resolution provides for the appointment of a joint committee of the House and Senate to probe the combination, and he presented a mass of documentary evidence to show the existence of a "trust."

"More than 50 per cent. of our overseas commerce is carried by foreign ships that belong to pools, combines and conferences," said Mr. Humphrey. "Between the ships in these combines there is no competition, and both passenger and freight rates are fixed in advance by agreement. Rates for European transportation are fixed by agreement in Germany, and rates for South American transportation are made in New York. All South American and Pacific lines practice the 'deferred rebate' system."

"The combine between here and South America is a complete monopoly. It gives an inefficient service. Its freight rates are the highest in the world, and its vessels, irregular, slow and antiquated."

Mr. Humphrey charged that the stevedore business from Europe is divided along the various lines by agreement.

"It seems to be an almost idle performance," he concluded, "for Congress to spend so much of its time trying to regulate and control domestic trusts when we so complacently permit a mass of foreign ships, a trust, a wealthier and more powerful than the Standard Oil ever was, to absolutely dictate freight and passenger rates upon the ocean and very largely upon the land, and to openly and flagrantly disobey and defy our laws."

The committee decided to ask Attorney-General Wickham and Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel to appear before it on January 15. A committee of New York importers will also be heard.

## VALUABLE GIFTS TO BATTLESHIP

Pensacola, Fla., December 18.—A \$10,000 silver service, a bronze historical tablet and a stand of colors, were presented to the battleship Florida, the "Queen of the Navy," at anchor in Pensacola harbor yesterday, by a committee of eminent representatives of the State of Florida, headed by Governor Gilchrist.

Rear-Admiral Lucien Young received the gifts in behalf of the Navy Department, and Captain S. H. Knapp, for the battleship. Both officers made addresses of thanks, after which the presentation party and other guests of the occasion were escorted over the vessel and invited to partake of a collation.

The silver service is a gift to the battleship from the people of Florida. Funds for its purchase were raised by popular subscription, aided by a generous appropriation from the Legislature. The plate consists of numerous pieces of solid silver, made according to special design. The decorations are beautiful examples of the silversmith's art, the plate being completely covered with engravings which typify the history, the industries and resources of the State of Florida and nautical emblem.

The bronze tablet was given to the battleship by the State chapters of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, while the stand of colors is a present from the Florida Division of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

## TWO NEW BUSTS FOR STATE HOUSE

Will Be Replaced in Rotunda. Federal Court Convenes.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

Raleigh, N. C., December 18.—The marble busts of Governor Samuel Johnston and Governor M. Morehead that are to occupy the two remaining niches on the first floor of the rotunda of the State house arrived to-day, and are ready to be placed in position for unveiling. They are the work of F. W. Ruckstuhl, who executed the busts of Governor Graham and Senator Hanson, now occupying niches in the rotunda. No time is set for unveiling the Morehead bust. The bust of Governor Johnston will be unveiled under the auspices of the North Carolina Grand Lodge of Masons, by whom it is presented to the State, on account of Governor Johnston having been a grand master. He also rendered other high services for Masonry in the early days of the State. The unveiling will be on January 10 while the grand lodge is in session here.

Judge H. G. Connor convened a one-week term of the Federal court here to-day for the trial of criminal cases with a view to disposing of all the cases before the Christmas holidays. There are forty odd of the jail cases and these are the only criminal cases in all, including those out on bond. Attendance of the Circuit Court at Raleigh made it impossible for Judge Connor to hold the regular November court, and this term is to relieve the congestion until January, when there will be a term that will continue until all cases, civil and criminal, will be disposed of.

Rev. L. F. Johnson, pastor of Hillsboro Street Christian Church, delivered the annual sermon for the Raleigh Red Men Sunday morning, the members of Occaneechee Tribe attending in a body.

For the purpose of taking a special course under the tutelage of Professor Victor Goldschmidt, distinguished professor in Heidelberg University, Joseph E. Pogue, Jr., has gone to Germany for the winter.

Captain A. J. Dougherty, United States Army, assigned to special service with the North Carolina National Guard, is spending this week with the officers of the Lumber Bridge and the Fayetteville companies of the North Carolina National Guard, with a view to giving them special instructions bearing on their official duties.

After being a fugitive in South Carolina for a year, and serving six months on Chesterfield county roads for bigamy in that State, Graham Oakley was brought back to Raleigh to-day to complete a five-year sentence on Wake county roads for murder.

NEW YORK CONVICT WILL ACT AS GUARD IN PRISON

Toledo, O., December 18.—Charles Harrison, a new guard to be appointed Monday at the Toledo workhouse, has qualified for the position by serving a sentence of seven

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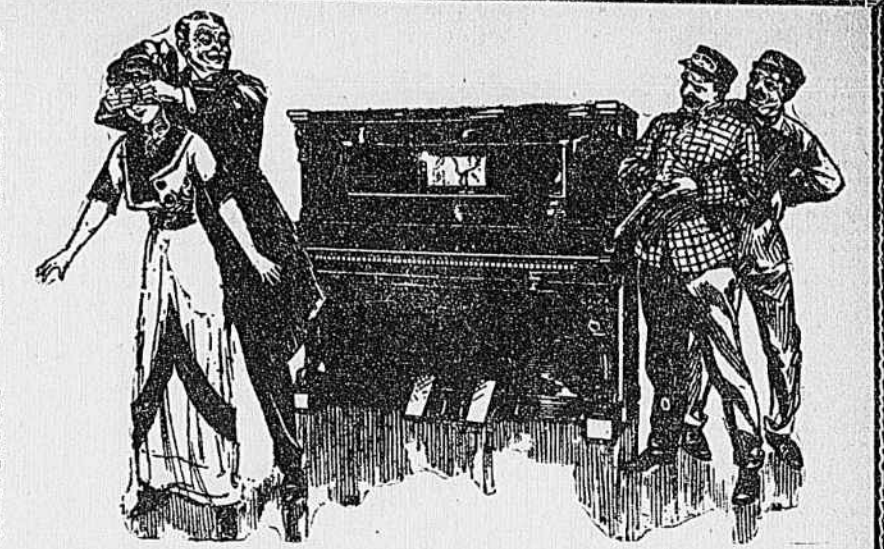
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It is not known what the marriage of Mrs. McKim to Vanderbilt will mean to Dr. McKim, who is said to be receiving an annuity of \$7,500 for dropping suits he threatened to bring against Vanderbilt, Emerson and others because of Mrs. McKim's Reno divorce.

**BOARD CONTROL PASSES**  
Producers' Ticket Wins and Quotation Committee Will Go.

Elgin, Ill., December 18.—Control of the Board of Trade this afternoon passed into the hands of Chicago, Wis., creamery men, elected on a producers' ticket. Charles Potter was elected president. Under the new regime the quotation committee will be abolished, according to J. P. Younger, of the producers' faction.

"The price committee is a farce," said Mr. Younger. "It is nothing more than a scheme that is an indirect violation of the Sherman antitrust law, and always has been."

**RESCUES TRAINMAN**  
Conductor Dives From Caboose Into Ice Waters.

Newark, N. J., December 18.—In answer to a cry for help, James Downing, conductor on a freight train, dived from the tail of the caboose into the icy waters of Newark Bay and saved the life of his brakeman, William Miller, who had fallen from the top of a box car while crossing a trestle.

**OBITUARY**  
Rev. John C. Lacy.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Fredericksburg, Va., December 18.—Rev. John Churchill Lacy, of Loudoun, Culpeper county, died last night at his home, after a lingering illness, aged thirty-five years. He is survived by his wife, who was a daughter of the late A. G. Willis, and one little

daughter, also by two brothers, who reside in Colorado. Dr. Lacy, who had a promising career, was a son of the late J. Lacy and a grandson of the late J. Horace Lacy, of Fredericksburg.

**DEATHS**  
BERKLE—Died, December 17, at 3:25 P. M., at the residence of her aunt, 2311 T Street, MISS MAGDALENA C. BERKLE, daughter of the late Henry and Mary Anna Berkle, aged nineteen years, nine months, twenty-three days. She is survived by one sister, three brothers.

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